

REMARKS

The Official Action dated 07 March 2005 has been carefully considered, along with cited references, applicable sections of the Patent Act, Patent Rules, the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure and relevant decisional law.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 14, 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by W. Eisenberg (US Patent No. 2,084,901).

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Claims 2, 5, 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eisenberg in view of Tollin (US Patent No. 5,707,301).

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eisenberg,

Claims 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Maruszczak (US Patent No. 6,805,639).

However, the Examiner has kindly indicated that claims 6, 15, 16, and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, claim 6 which is indicated to be allowable has been deleted, and has been included into claim 1.

Claims 2, 3, 7-9, 14 and 17 are dependent on the amended claim 1. Claim 4 is dependent on claim 3. Claim 5 is dependent on

claim 4. Claims 10 and 11 are dependent on claim 9. Claim 12 is dependent on claim 11. Claim 13 is dependent on claim 12.

Claims 15 and 19 which are indicated to be allowable have been written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 16 is dependent on the amended claim 15.

Claim 18 is dependent on claim 17.

Accordingly, claims 1-5 and 7-19 would appear to be allowable, and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is accordingly most respectfully solicited.

Courtesy and cooperation of Examiner LEGESSE are appreciated.

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